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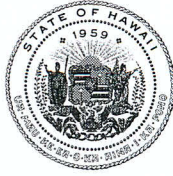
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TESTIMONY OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1055  
RELATING TO ELECTIONS

February 2, 2016

Chair Rhoads and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for House Bill No. 1055. This bill requires applicants registering to vote to provide their Hawaii driver's license or state identification card number, or if the applicant does not have either, the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN).

The Office of Elections recognizes that the intent of this bill is to conform with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), as well as to ensure the security of applicants' SSNs. Pursuant to HAVA, Section 303(a)(5)(B), jurisdictions that rely on the driver's license number or last four digits of the SSN are required to share information between election officials and driver's licensing officials to verify the accuracy of the information provided on applications for voter registration.

In addition to the direct sharing of information between the driver license and voter registration files, the Department of Transportation (DOT) is required under HAVA to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Social Security to validate information provided to it by election officials that does not correspond to a driver in its records. This involves DOT submitting on the behalf of election officials the name, date of birth, and partial SSN provided to the Social Security Administration through a webservice called Help America Vote Verification (HAVV) to confirm if the person is a recognized person in the Social Security

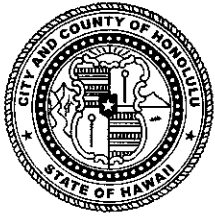
Administration's database, including confirming whether the person is reported as deceased. 42 USC § 15483(a)(b)(B)(ii) and 42 USC § 405(r)(8).

The Office of Elections proposes the following language for your consideration.

**§11-A Sharing of data between driver licensing and election officials.** (a) Databases maintained or operated by the counties or the state department of transportation containing driver's license or civil identification card information, including any documents or images, shall be provided electronically to election officials and the statewide voter registration system, to allow for the timely processing of voter registration applications, ensuring the integrity of the voter registration rolls, or for any other government purpose, as determined by the chief election officer; and

(b) The department of transportation shall enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Social Security to verify voter registration applicant information, in compliance with the Help America Vote Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1055.



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### LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF GLEN TAKAHASHI  
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1055  
RELATING TO ELECTIONS

February 2, 2016

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

The Office of the City Clerk provides comment on HB1055 that would eliminate the use of a social security number as an informational element required for voter registration within Hawaii's election laws, replacing it with requiring a Hawaii drivers license number or civil identification number, and the last four digits of the social security number.

While we understand the issue of identity theft and the discomfort that disclosing a social security number may cause, this measure would have an immediate and adverse effect upon the integrity of the State's voter registration rolls by increasing the potential for duplicate records (due to the lack of a requirement for a key identifier held by all registrants). Additionally, the impact of the measure would necessitate the complete re-programming of the existing voter registration system.

For your information, Hawaii's election statutes are covered under an exemption within the federal Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §552 that allows the use of the full social security number because Hawaii has statutorily (and continuously) required the information for its system of records prior to January 1, 1975.

If the Legislature intends to enact the policy changes in this bill, we request that enactment be delayed until 2018 to allow completing the transition to the Office of Election's recently procured statewide voter registration database that is better suited to accommodate the requirements of this bill. The delay would also allow the Office of Elections to obtain and associate voters' drivers license number information with existing records within the voter rolls.

As the custodians of voters' personal information, the County Clerks take the responsibility for securing the information entrusted in their care very seriously. It is my belief that the elections process continues to justify the use of the information to uphold public confidence and the integrity of the elections process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



House Judiciary Committee  
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Joy San Buenaventura

Tuesday 02/02/2016 at 2:00 PM in Room 325  
HB1055 – Relating to Elections

TESTIMONY — SUPPORT  
Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

**Common Cause Hawaii supports HB1055** which would alter voter registration requirements so that one could provide a Hawaii driver's license number, a Hawaii state identification card number, or the last four digits of a her/his Social Security number.

Most states require either a driver's license, non-driver's state-issued identification card, or the last four digits of a Social Security number to verify an applicant's ID. Hawaii is one the few states left that still require a full Social Security number for voter registration purposes.

Voter registration drives held by private organizations, political parties, and political candidates/campaigns are common in Hawaii. In these cases, "strangers" approach and ask eligible voters to register to vote. We have heard from individuals that while they may have been interested in registering to vote, they did not feel comfortable giving their Social Security number to someone they had just met.

Requiring only the last four digits of one's Social Security number in the voter registration process can alleviate these privacy concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting HB1055**.

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